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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Revised Draft: 156 Committee Report on Skylab Earth
Terrain Camera

The attached memorandum from State (Tab A) asks your concurrence to a revised draft of the 156 Committee report on the Skylab camera operations. This draft, together with the transmittal letter that will eventually forward the report to the 40 Committee, will accommodate all the recommendations that were made in your memorandum of 13 March 1973 (Tab B).

One of your recommendations was to "begin a study now to establish some guidelines which can be followed in this screening process of politically sensitive photography" and to determine alternative ways of handling the acquired photography with a view toward minimizing the risk of unfavorable international reaction." This draft accepts your proposal and in addition recommends that a representative of the DCI organize and chair a task force to do this study.

We recommend that you concur in this memorandum. COMIREX has taken the lead in screening previous Apollo pictures and [] is prepared to take on the job of supervising the post-launch screening process from Skylab. It also appears reasonable for him to be your representative to chair a pre-launch task force to elaborate the procedures to be used for screening by the post-launch screening group and to establish the detailed criteria to be applied.

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NRO and NASA
review(s) completed.

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CONCURRENCE:

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 APPROVED: Concur in the revised draft as it stands.

 DISAPPROVED: Concur in the draft except for designation of DCI
to organize the pre-launch screening task force.

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